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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Maj. Gen. Arthur D. Trudeau
Assistant Chief of Staff, G2
The Pentagon

SUBJECT : Contributions of Lt. Col. George S. Russell to
the Economic Intelligence Committee

The replacement of Col. Russell as Army representative on the Economic Intelligence Committee seems a most appropriate occasion for me to express our very real indebtedness for his many contributions to the work of this Committee.

From his first participation in EIC meetings, more than 18 months ago, George Russell has been consistently cooperative and helpful in resolving the many problems which have arisen month after month. Just this past month, for example, he took special steps to coordinate within the Army, and secured agreement on, a series of EIC surveys of priority deficiencies in economic research - covering the intelligence fields of Soviet Bloc agriculture, chemicals, petroleum, and transportation. We anticipate that EIC approval of these surveys will result in important new scheduling (by the various IAC agencies concerned) of research specifically designed to cover the agreed priority gaps. The special efforts of Col. Russell materially contributed to achieving a completely unanimous position on these surveys within the EIC intelligence community.

This was, however, only one of many cases in which the Army, G2, representative has facilitated the work of this Committee. Even in those cases where agreement has proved impossible (as in the recent examination of Communist China's railroad transportation capabilities) the efforts of Army technicians - serving as subcommittee and working-group members under Col. Russell's guidance - have been uniformly positive, and directed toward the greatest feasible degree of reconciliation.

We shall miss George Russell's services, both officially and personally. On behalf of my colleagues, may I convey to you and to him our thanks for this past relationship, and our very best wishes for his future success?

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